

**GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**JUNE 18, 2019  
5:30 PM**

**1830 GOLDEN STATE AVENUE  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Jim Baldwin  
Cindy Parra

Carlos Bello  
Rueben Pascual

Leasa Engel

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

None

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:**

Jim Worth

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen King  
Steve Barnes  
Jill Smith  
Emery Rendes

Deidre Brown  
Candra Cheers  
Robert Williams  
Ricardo Perez

Jeanie Hill  
Chris James  
Victor Honorato  
Sharon Pierce

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bob Snoddy  
Sasha Pejic

Allison Moore

John Gobis

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Jill Smith led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

(Director Bello entered the meeting at 5:35 pm)

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FY 2019-20 BUDGET**

Director Parra opened the public hearing on the FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget at 5:34 p.m. and stated that the Golden Empire Transit District would now receive public testimony. Any person

wishing to present testimony related to the FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget may do so at this time. Persons were asked to state their name and address for the record. If they wished their statements to be verbatim, they must be in writing for inclusion in the official record of this hearing. Notice of the hearing was placed in *The Bakersfield Californian* and *El Popular* newspapers, on the GET website, and on GET's Facebook page. Director Parra asked for public testimony.

No comments were made on the FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget. Director Parra closed the public hearing at 5:36 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Baldwin moved and Director Engel seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

## **COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER SURVEY RESULTS**

Ms. King introduced Mr. Sasha Pejic and Mr. John Gobis with Stantec. Mr. Pejic and Mr. Gobis presented the Community and Customer Survey results. This was an informational item.

## **SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN**

Mr. Rendes commented that the Operations and Service Development Committee met on June 13, 2019 and reviewed the FY 2019-20 to FY 2023-24 draft Short Range Transit Plan. Director Pascual moved and Director Baldwin seconded a motion to adopt the FY 2019-20 to FY 2023-24 Short Range Transit Plan and authorize staff to submit the Plan to Kern COG. The motion carried unanimously.

## **CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SYSTEMS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (CALIFORNIA TRANSIT INSURANCE POOL, CALTIP) - RESOLUTION 2019-09**

Mr. Barnes commented that GET is a member of the California Transit Systems Joint Powers Authority (CalTIP). Recently the Joint Powers Agreement was amended by the Board of Directors of the Joint Powers Authority to enable timelier voting on issues before the Board of Directors.

Director Engel moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-09 to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to sign the amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baldwin, Bello, Engel, Parra, and Pascual  
ABSENT: None

NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**FY 2019 COMPETITIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: BUS AND BUS FACILITIES PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION 2019-10**

Mr. Barnes commented that the approval of this resolution would allow GET to apply for competitive funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the replacement of twenty-eight (28) CNG buses that have/will meet their useful life expectancy by 2021.

Director Pascual moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-10 to authorize the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to obtain financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Baldwin, Bello, Engel, Parra, and Pascual	NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None	ABSTAIN:	None

**MAY 2019 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Mr. Barnes reviewed the May 2019 financial reports. This was an informational item only.

**ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 BUDGET (BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11) AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR TDA AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Mr. Barnes commented that a public hearing took place at the June 18, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors. Chairperson Parra conducted the hearing and no comments were offered. All available financial information that may impact the fiscal year has been considered as well as the latest changes to the estimates received from various state and federal agencies.

Director Baldwin moved and Director Engel seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-11 and authorize the CEO to file and execute TDA and Federal funding agreements. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Baldwin, Bello, Engel, Parra, and Pascual	NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None	ABSTAIN:	None

**REPORT ON APTA INTERNATIONAL STUDY MISSION**

Ms. King shared a PowerPoint presentation on her recent participation in the ATPA International Study Mission. APTA invited several members to attend an international study mission in Vienna, Hamburg, and Helsinki. The purpose of the mission was to obtain first-hand experience and information on how public transportation functions in other countries with a focus on Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) and consider applications in the United States. This was an informational item only.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Bello stated that the Short Range Transit Plan looks interesting and he is looking forward to the new buses arriving.

Director Baldwin thanked Ms. King for her presentation and encouraged her participation in transit related committees as those connections provide good information.

Director Pascual commented that he has a lot to learn. He is looking forward to continuing his visits with departments.

Director Parra asked if it would be possible to post the video how cleaning the buses and how to put a bike on the bus bike rack again.

Director Engel commented that minutes had not been posted on the website for the last few months. She will not attend at the September Board meeting. She asked how RYDE was performing.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS:** None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Director Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Board of Directors